



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
OCTOBER 10, 2013 @ 9:30 A.M.
APB BOARDROOM**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Felts, Chairman
Jimmy Wallace, Vice-Chairman/Commissioner
Richard L. Mays, Jr., Secretary/Commissioner
Dawne Vandiver, Commissioner
Richard Brown Jr., Commissioner
Abraham Carpenter, Commissioner

HEARING JUDGES PRESENT:

Cara Boyd-Conners, Hearing Judge/Attorney

EXCUSED WITH VALID REASON:

Joe Peacock, Commissioner
Jim Williams, Hearing Judge/Attorney
Carol Bohannon, Hearing Judge/Attorney
Ashley Vailes, Hearing Judge/Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT

Solomon Graves, Administrative Services Manager, APB
Mahogany Franklin, Fiscal Support Supervisor, APB
Melissa Haney, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, APB
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Specialist III (Parole), APB
Shirley Ellingburg, IRS Area Manager, DCC

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Felts called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. A quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 26, 2013

Commissioner Wallace moved. Commissioner Mays seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented.

AGENCY UPDATES

Mr. Graves stated that the IT position previously offered to Nicholas Bradley was declined. This position has been reposted and is now officially closed. He stated that the applications are being reviewed and interviews will be scheduled next week.

Mr. Graves also reported that Friday afternoon the Charitable and Penal Review Committee will be at Brickeys to speak about the future of corrections. He stated that Mrs. Sheila Sharp and Mr. Ray Hobbs will also speaking at this presentation. Mr. Wallace requested an agenda for this meeting. Chairman Felts stated that the meeting will be at 1:30 pm at East Arkansas for any Commissioners that wish to attend.

Mr. Graves stated that in the next few weeks there will be changes to eOMIS to update records and data. He will provide further information in the upcoming weeks.

Mr. Graves reported that there is a meeting on Monday with the Hearing Judges and Revocation support staff to talk about the new features in Eaglenet that will enhance the way revocation hearings are scheduled. At this time, Mrs. Sharon Lewis has to go through each request and email in order to determine who needs to be scheduled. It's a very burdensome task and this will make the scheduling process much more efficient. He stated that this will be rolling out statewide after the staff has been trained on Monday.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss. Chairman Felts did add that he met yesterday with ADC and DCC to discuss the County Jail Backup. He stated that they had a good conversation about this issue and there will be a lot of work to be done in Mrs. Ellingburg's office and for the IRO's.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss. Chairman Felts did welcome Mrs. Cara Boyd-Conners as the new Hearing Judge. He stated that she has been introduced to the Revocation team and she has done an outstanding job since she started. He stated that he believes she will continue to be a great asset to the Revocation department.

FILES FOR REVIEW

There were no questions regarding the files for review. Chairman Felts did remind the board that victim input has been moved to Monday, October 14, 2013 due to the AAPP Conference in Fayetteville. He stated that he will be attending the conference to a presentation that will be made by Mrs. Sheila Sharp and her team. He also reminded the Board that we will have one family present on Wednesday, October 16, 2013 for victim input. That family is from out of state and could not adjust their schedules due to travel arrangements.

RATIFICATION OF VOTES

Commissioner Mays moved to ratify the votes. Commissioner Carpenter seconded. The motion was carried.

OTHER COMMENTS

Chairman Felts stated that he has put together the schedule for 2014 and he tried to make some changes to take care of some issues with the bigger units. He stated that he will have the calendar made available to everyone at Full Board.

Chairman Felts also stated that he has a letter from a woman regarding a Level II sex offender. This inmate's

parole plan has been denied and his parole officer told his family that they can appeal to the Parole Board regarding his parole plan. Chairman Felts stated that it is his opinion that the decision should stand as it is and that this offender still be required to remain away from parks and schools due to his victim being a minor. The parole officer feels it would be inappropriate to allow him to live near these structures. Chairman Felts stated that he would like for the Board to review this request. The Board concurred with the recommendation.

ADJOURNMENT

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, October 24, 2013 at 9:30a.m. in the APB Boardroom.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Signature on File

John Felts
Chairman

Signature on File

Richard L. Mays, Jr.
Secretary

**ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
FIRST BOARD RATIFICATION OF VOTES**

OCTOBER 2013

UNITS:

RATIFIED (X)

DELTA



NORTH CENTRAL UNIT



NORTH WEST/WASHINGTON CO.



TUCKER



TUCKER MAX.



GRIMES



MCPHERSON



CUMMINS



OTHER: TRANSFER SCREENINGS, COMMUTATIONS, PARDONS



**RECONSIDERATIONS, REVOCATION APPEALS, RESCINDS,
SPECIAL CONDITIONS, ACT 290, 700'S, EPA, ETC.**

MOTION BY: Commissioner Mays

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Carpenter

RATIFICATION DATE: October 10, 2013